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SUBJECT: VIETNAM: COMMENTS OF DRV AND NLF REPRESENTATIVES

1. AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT HAS SHARED WITH ME RESULTS OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS HE HAD WITH DRV AMBASSADOR (HOA) AND ACTING HEAD OF NLF OFFICE IN JAKARTA (CHAU PHONG). WHILE THIS MAY MAKE WAY TO US IN CANBERRA OR WASHINGTON, BELIEVE POINTS ON FOUR SUBJECTS WILL BE OF IMMEDIATE INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS. (WOOLCOTT SHOULD BE CITED AS SOURCE OF INFO WITH GREAT DISCRETION.)

2. ON UNIFICATION, BOTH REPRESENTATIVES CLAIMED INABILITY TO PREDICT HOW LONG IT WOULD BE BEFORE VIETNAM REUNITED AND STATED (USING IDENTICAL PHRASES) THIS IS "MATTER FOR PEOPLES OF VIETNAM TO DECIDE." CHAU (NLF) SAID THERE
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WOULD BE THREE STAGES (BUT UNWILLING SUGGEST TIMING):

FIRST, PRG WOULD NEED TO COMPLETE CONSOLIDATION OF ITS ADMINISTRATION IN SAIGON AND SOUTH; SECOND, WOULD BE FORMATION OF "COALITION" GOVERNMENT; THIRD WOULD BE RE-UNIFICATION. CHAU SAID PRG INTENDED IMPLEMENT PARSI AGREEMENTS AND, IN REPLY EXPRESSION OF DOUBT BY WOOLCOTT, REPEATED THAT COALITION GOVERNMENT WITH NON-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS WOULD BE FORMED.

3. CHAU DESCRIBED PRESS REPORTS THAT USSR MIGHT BE PERMITTED USE NAVAL BASE AT CAM RAHN BAY AS "LIES" DESIGNED TO PROVOKE TENSIONS BETWEEN DRV, CHINA AND USSR.

4. ON RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA, CHAU ASKED WHY INDONESIA (UNLIKE MALAYSIA AND MANILA) HAD NOT RECOGNIZED PRG; MALIK HAD RELATED THIS TO INDONESIA'S MEMBERSHIP IN ICCS AND SAID GOI RELUCTANT RECOGNIZE "PROVISIONAL" GOVERNMENT. CHAU CONSIDERS ICCS MEMBERSHIP REASON FOR HASTENING RECOGNITION.

5. ON ATTITUDE TOWARD THAILAND, HOA (DRV) SAID HANOI "THREATENS NOBODY" AND FEARS OF INTERVENTION IN THAILAND ARE GROUNDLESS. IN REPLY WOOLCOTT EXPRESSION OF HOPE THERE WOULD BE NO INTERFERENCE IN THAILAND AND COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, HOA SAID THIS IN LARGE MEASURE UP TO THAILAND; LATTER WOULD HAVE TO REMOVE AMERICAN BASES WHICH HAD HOSTED B 52 ATTACKS AGAINST VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND WOULD HAVE TO RETURN OR COMPENSATE PRG FOR AIR AND NAVAL CRAFT TAKEN TO THAILAND BEFORE FALL OF SAIGON. THEN, HOA SAID, "CRIMES OF PAST" SHOULD BE PUT ASIDE.

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